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James W. Robbins (accepts

Dear Sir,

Your letter, stating that my name was inserted in the list of Vice Presidents of the Massachusetts Abolition Society, did not come to hand till last evening. I have no objection to having my name thus inserted, if it is desired. My only regret is that my name will bring no more influence to the good cause, in which you are engaged.

It has been pained to the generous friends of abolition that there should be a division among them but we hope good will come out of it. Perhaps a secession, or a new organization was indispensable, for there was danger that romantic, visionary & nonresistance would bring reproach & ridicule upon the cause.

With much respect
Yours &c James W Robbins